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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Election/Restrictions*

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

1. the specifics of the display unit which emits the first polarization component for forming the display mode comprises of a first embodiment (claims 1-10, 14-30 and 34);
2. the specifics of the display unit which emits the third polarization component for forming the display mode comprises of a second embodiment (claims 11-13 and 31-33).

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

If Group 1 is elected.

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct sub-species of the claimed invention:

1. the specifics of the liquid crystal layer wherein the  $\Delta n \cdot d$  is within a range of  $0.7\mu\text{m}$  to  $1.7\mu\text{m}$  (claims 15-16);
2. the specifics of the liquid crystal layer wherein the  $\Delta n \cdot d$  is within a range of  $0.5\mu\text{m}$  to  $0.65\mu\text{m}$  (claim 17).

Applicant is further required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed sub-species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

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Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wen-Ying P. Chen whose telephone number is (571)272-8444. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:00 M-F.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert H. Kim can be reached on (571)272-2293. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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